

Ambleside
April 8th, 1901.

Just one word of loving greeting, dearest,
on your birthday. There are many things I want to say, but
I shall be "bullied" if I write much, so just send
heart-greetings.

No daffodils for her this year, because
Easter falls about her birthday. The students have made
ineffectual raids and got 4 flowers, the excursionists had
walked off with everything. I hope she will like the nice
quiet story book which has glaced me much these last weeks.
She is to read it restfully out of doors in Hants.

If you have read Richard Darvel already you
can give it me back when I come and I shall find something
else. I think you will like to have Thomas Brown. It will
be nice to have dear B.P. at Shap. I think it will do her
good too. I am very much better.

Again, dear love,

Ever yours, C.M.

April 27th, 1901.

Your baby is the Ash, dearest, and I send you another. My heart was not up to the play so I had to ask Miss Hodgson

I am so glad that the dear Natur-kind is having full joy of the spring and I keep on longing for her to see all the beauties that appear. We are growing day by day too lovely for anything - come. I shall have my paper ready in time, dear, though I could not do much this week. However, it is half done and another morning or two will finish it. I have seen three or four of the students' papers which I think will do more or less. I am ever so sorry about your sister Lily's paper. Hero worship versus Schwermerie should make a good paper if it could be treated very simply; but it is cruel to propose another paper to her at the 11th hour. How good of her to be willing to take so much trouble. I thought the last part of the paper you sent me might be taken as the opening of a paper confining itself to literature as one of our chief sources of ethical teaching.

The soul of this house is in its heels at the present moment, and Miss P. has done well. I like to think of the B.P. going to you on Monday and telling you all about Shap and the Seven Sons of Belial, and how the maligned bath chair took me abroad on the moors and how we had tea-basket tea.

She has put me under orders and I am meek and know what is for my good though I can't pretend to enjoy limitations

but I am in bed to-day, so I recognise facts.

Sweet Cyril! Don't let him grow
any older till I come

It is delightful to hear of your reading
"Ourselves" to the children.

Farewell, darling,

Everyours,

C.M.

Ambleside

May 7th, 1901.

Here it is. Such as it is, dearest ! - Anyway your idea of sending my ideas forth with a comet-like train of students' ideas is a most brilliant idea - worthy of Lady A. Will you make the MS over to Mrs. Glover with my love and grateful thanks for her good offices?

The stress of the Conference reaches me and I long and long to be there. I hear from one and another and am asked if I am coming. Don't I just wish I were. I am hoping that you are ever so well after that joyous time at South Stoneham. You don't know how I enjoyed the picture of you and B.P. and the chicks having such a feast of the Spring.

We are all in a ferment about E.A's puzzle and isn't her dear ladyship enjoying our discomfiture! - "excessively common" indeed! Miss Hodgson's last suggestion is that they are the bulbels of a common garlic which does not grow here. Tell nurse she just has given us "riddle."

This is only a line to say that all my thoughts are with you and the Conference.

Dear Love,

Ever yours,

C.M.

AMBLESIDE

20th May, 1901.

I wish I were writing to you with my own hand, dearest, but you must have a letter at once and I am not up to much to-day, perhaps because of the fast living which Conference week causes in us all even when we are not on the spot.

Dear - come by the 2 p.m. train this very day, that is the day you get this letter. You know you owe me a visit to take me to Nauheim and I will have this instead. We have a measles in the cottage, perhaps two, but B.P. will tell you if there is any risk (also she will tell Miss Russell). And now, what shall I say about the Conference?

But to return to our muttons, just wire to say you are coming. I am aching to hear about everything from your own lips and you can't write me the necessary volumes and volumes. It was more than sweet of you to write me such a good long screed for you must have been just dead tired. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

B.P. too wrote me a sweet little note in which she says it has been "a wonderful time of inspiration refreshing and reunion."

You don't know how much I am making of you in my soul for the Conference is your Baby or rather your five year old, and is the most blessed, healthy, happy, holy child that Mother could desire

I just love Lady Campbell for backing you up so well and Lady Aberdeen for being so devoted and nice, B.P. of course.

I am sorry for Lady Helen Lacey; tell me when you write how

her husband is. The newspaper cuttings are very nice. I am glad the pretty children were mentioned.

I am glad too that Miss Russell did so well. I am afraid the week after Whitsuntide won't suit me as it on on the cards that Mrs. Dallas Yorke may come then; I wait to hear. You will say that Miss Russell could not make any difference but you know ever such a trifle throws me over the plank and I am anxious to keep going. Any two people, even Mrs. Firth and Florence take lots more out of me than one does.

I am so glad you did a roaring trade in books, "for though on pleasure she was bent, she had a frugal mind." Stick to your pretty chairwomen, dear; I am very weak about pretty women and love the look of us on the platform.

I am greatly delighted about L's paper. The thought of 20 hours extra work rather pained me but how well worth while! I long to see her paper and am very ready to believe that it was "really inspired." That is why she is so strong.

I am glad Mr. Rowbotham was good with the children. How nicely dear Lady Aberdeen has behaved all the time. I have no doubt people liked to listen to her though her speech was long and slow. I have never thought her very strong as a speaker. The little contre-temps about the letter amuses me. I'm not going to be scolded Ma'am. I exercised most masterly self-control in not saying a great deal more - so there now!

21st May, 1901

A thousand thanks to the sweet friend for letting me know things go and how well all things go. I woke myself up yesterday morning saying inanely:- "Oh the dear, dear Conference" A thing I should never have said in the world with my eyes well opened. I rejoice especially at what Lady A. does and that your sister L's paper promises to be first rate. I was so vexed for her. Give my warmest thanks to Mrs. Glover for her beautiful reading. I owe her much, for that sort of paper needs to be interpreted. How lovely about the nurses' Meeting, but I do wish they'd ~~have~~ had Miss Webb's in full force. I hear she read Dr. Wilson's most beautifully

I shall write to Mr. Paton. I am glad he was so good. Why, the Grasmere gingerbread was for you and B.P. There wasn't enough to go round. We have just discovered measles in the House so are much disturbed, so I can only send a line,

Dear, dear love

from C.M.

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Ambleside,

November 18th 1901.

A thousand welcomes home, dearest ! I can fancy the general joy at 50 Porchester T. I shall be very glad of a P.C. to tell me how you are. What sort of a journey you have made, and how you found the family and Cyril!

How good of you to get me those beautiful photographs. They are exactly what I prefer, and I feel you must have taken much thought over them. I like to think of you and B.P. with the book at your hotel.

How is the dear patient? I can't think London fogs are the thing for her throat - do send her to us for a while. We shall take the greatest care of her.

We have all taken the greatest interest in your journeyings and you have been ever so good in keeping us informed. I am sending a big business letter as well,

Ever loving,

Yours C.M.

Nov. 19th 1901

And are you sure the news is true? The news that they are coming in just a few days' time, it is too delightful, dearest! I believe skating and tobogganing and all winter joys will be possible. You will have a most big budget to unfold to me by word of mouth. Italy, the Stewart's beautiful place, Birmingham and London, we shall talk for ever! I am ever so well, and that after fearing that I must go to some sort of baths this winter to be able to hold on. Tell the children how much I look forward to seeing them. I am glad you have got Miss Hammond as the childr n get on with her. I thought I was to sleep the student, but it will be better as it is because it would worry you to have to send her up in the evening on a bad night, besides she might be wanted at night.

Mrs. Gibson is in great feather. Such cleaning and brushing up as I hear of. I still think it is the best place. The houses near here are too gloomy, the sun will go down for them between 1 and 2; whereas you will have it till 4. But it pure waste of time to talk to you now, darling, when you are coming so soon.

Dearest love,

Ever yours,

C.M.

Ambleside.

November 30th, 1901.

Well done, dearest !! and three cheers for the latest child of P.N.E.U. I am just full of joy about it. We live and grow and are blessed from above, so I do believe. I have left your letter for Sunday and now am rather tired and have my class presently, so can't write much. But I am much better, well enough to take to myself the joy of your coming and I shall see Cyril and my other friends. It is horrid that you will be so far away, but I could not bear you to be in any of the houses opposite - they look north and are gloomy and to come up here will be just a little run for the children on bad days and, as for you, IF you should be asked to dinner(!) why, dearest, of course your bed will be made up all the time and the chicks will be quite safe with nurse whenever you are away. I shall enjoy seeing her gain and, as for the student, won't the ~~the~~ Glendinnens do? They were a great resource last year. It's just too good to be true, so send me a P.C. at once to tell me when you are coming. I wait with anxiety for your last word about the school but you can do nothing till you hear from Miss Rankin. Also, I long to hear about the widow lady secretary so soon as you hear. That nice Mrs. Murphy might do if she is well enough. I liked her letter much,

Say when!

Ever yours, C.M.

Ambleside, Dec 2nd, 1901.

I think, dearest, Miss Mucklow, who is highly educated, most sweet-natured and who has the habit of girls well on in their teens, and has no end of interesting experiences to talk about, - she could teach Madge music, harmony, Latin and Mathematics if you wished it. Miss Lawrence would worry the girlie. Miss Bornau is attractive, but is an uncertain quantity, and I am not sure she would settle down. You had better keep Miss Mucklow in tow. An Irish lady is making hard for her, and she likes Ireland. She is a charming person to behold.

I read this month's P.R. with delight: only one branch emits a feeble note - the vigour in the others is delightful. I see you advertise for an assistant secretary. Would not Miss Allen do for that? I think the thought of getting you at Xmas is doing me lots of good.

Dear love,

Yours ever, C.M.

I am ashamed to have made you ask again who succeeds Miss Hodgson. - Miss Barnett. Don't exclaim, she is enthusiastic, utterly P.W.E.Y. really has a mind, and is very strong in voice production which she learned from a first rate teacher in Paris. Mr. Rooper much pleased: he saw her work in Bedford.

ScaleHow January 29th 1902.

It is good to hear of you, dearest. It seems months since we said good bye. So many things have crowded in upon you and upon us.

Poor Mr. Y I send you a copy of a statement I am sending him as it will give you information you want. Of course you cannot know, Dearest!

I have read with great stirrings of heart your eloquent, cultured, strong, just and wise paper! It should be read in all the Branches after. It is good to keep it for new branches and I feel it is a splendid tool in our hands. It has done me good!

Dearest love,

C.M.

How good that book of Tolstoi is! If P.N.E.U. had only made you it has done a truly great work. Of course you would have been clever and good anyway, but the directions you have taken is so good for the world! There's a dish of sugar plums for you!

I want the paper to be printed and sown broadcast!
You and B.P. are a host.

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Ship Wells Hotel

April 2nd 1902.

Your letter was a delight dearest, and soon I am going to write to you about many things in it. but just now I am bursting with virtue - trying to get the Conference papers done before we leave here and I can't let myself have the pleasant distraction of writing to you.

Take care of yourself, Queen of Hearts, and get strong. I have been cherishing you much of late - partly you, and partly my Chela. I thank God very much for you dear whatever comes of me, P.N.E.U. is safe. Please tell Mrs. Clement Parsons how delighted I am about the Temple Bar paper. We are safe in her hands, are we not? It is good that she goes on the lines of your pamphlet.

I am glad Madge goes to Ireland. We are having good and sunny weather here.

Your ever loving

C.M.

Ambleside,

May 11th 1902

What a lovely letter, dearest! The Conference is almost too much for me. It is overpowering and my only comfort is that you are coming to tell me about everything. I am hungry for you.

The students were planning "rewards" at dinner - even to giving up their Saturday afternoons to work in order that they might have "sports" for you on Friday, but then, I want to take you for a drive - and - and - and - you must not give us less than ^a week anyhow - as much more as your love will give us.

About Mrs. Glover, I shall love to have her but after you have gone - the limitation is really vexing to me because I am a hospitable soul on the whole, but I go out ~~and~~ a great deal to people and two personalities at once simply drain me. Even you and B.P. are too much for me, how much more any body else. If people are not in the same room, it is all the worse - I think of them.

Then, we shall have such great things to talk of!

All shall be arranged to your mind,

Make haste!

Yours in dearest love,

C.M.

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Scale How,

27th May 1902.

Dearest Chela,

How nice of you to write me such a nice long screed - and I know how busy you must be. I wish you had good news to tell me of Cyril - precious little boy!

There was a picture in the "Daily Graphic" of the Club Girls at drill - most interesting. I shall read to the students about your "by-products."

Life goes on here very steadily, but the dear people are alive in a good many directions, i.e. are realising relationships. I am pleased with the hearty way in which they are taking up the Botanical Garden. One person has already got 33 sorts of ferns. I am sending you an extract from the last and best book in plants which took away my breath - and will take yours. Is it possible that we are on the trail of a principle as universal, if not as causatious as evolution -

Your story increases my love for Sydney. It is so good to see him thinking and feeling truly. It is a gain for him, as for every youth and maiden, to know when it ceases to be right to keep a promise. You will find remarks on the subject in a fragment of
amazing virtue entitled, "Ourselves". etc.

For your field day (June 4th) one word - State our theory and practice - but attack nothing. Be indignant at nothing - (save and except dumb bells, of course!). When people's minds are

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put on the defensive, they have no power to receive new ideas. Am I right?

Miss James might be a good ally. Should I send you some school exam papers to illustrate our sort of work? Your nice lady comes to us on Monday and stays till Wednesday morning. Tell me about the morality play and tell me if B.P. thought you looking well and refreshed.

You were a great joy dear,

Yours ever lovingly

C.M.

"Mullah"

I asked what the old
was called and is that how to spell it?

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Scale How,
Ambleside.

June 1st
(?) 1902

Dearest,

How absolutely provoking about Croydon! So altogether unexpected! What dear good provoking Mrs. Hill told me she didn't know people and couldn't do anything therefore beyond asking a few friends to tea. This, re the opening of the Branch which she spoke of with desire.

Next, how good and delightful to think of you sitting under your oak, at play with one baby or another, or reading with the elders and how good to know that dear Madge is flourishing. Give the Girlie my dear love. I wish wee Michael were quite good, but Miss Webb writes hopefully I have been slaving with that paper, - first revise - quite breathlessly. You will soon have it. Lady Campbell will read it beautifully and it is very good of her. Please give her my very appreciative thanks. 2,500 would do - but Cowell must keep up the type. My dear, do you know where we are arriving at? A revolution in school children's education up to 14; and we must send round to teachers broadcast. But we can organise the campaign after the 8th. Miss Armfield will need temporary assistance. I suppose you are going here and there, you propose to be up - and indeed, I don't know how anything would go without you. It would be well if you could speak a few words of points

and purpose re this campaign, but Lady A. must really drop such absurdities as "lament" - 100 means quite satisfactory work, and the idea of excelling does not enter in. Before you decide that the work is not satisfactory, compare it with work in the same subject of a large number of children in good schools. Writing of course only means the line or two called "writing" in the exam. To make the children write the whole paper under the constraint of marks for writing would take away all spontaneity. Now just be sweet and good and believe with all that big heart which I love. There will be plenty of fools to scoff, but we want to carry a tremendous reform - and faith, our own faith, must be our lever.

One thing more - I am writing an appreciation of Mr. Rooper. Will you read it? Our work is especially associated with his name in the "Times" notice and I feel we were remiss not to send representatives to the funeral.

Will you send me back the paper I am forwarding? Miss W. is writing to Kit Kit who is in Bristol re the exhibits. I want to send up for the 8th all the old exam papers we have - between 2 and 300. Can you do with them? I am too horribly busy to write to her perhaps you will send this news to B.P. with my dear love and thanks for her sweet letter. Do do be careful of "our Lady A." and give her heaps of love from.

C.M.

Ambleside,
June 7th, 1902.

To night she has onw of the two big dinners.
Tell me about it and about them on the 9th.

You are a wonderful "Chela" darling, and my heart sings with joy over your letters. I don't care "typpence" about the co of Mr. Russell. I recognised him for a "leopard" and you know, I believe there are leopards with fixed spots - herein lies the whole of my contention with the Beloved B.P. Why of course!! and many times of course! You and she are to me as right and left hand - the only people who know are we three - various students -

But again I say, 'twould be better if we 3 denounced P.N.E.U. and went bodily over to some alien camp than that we should announce by fixing our name to said "camp" that it's all as broad as it's long, and the one society is pretty much the same as the others.

Don't you see - most clear-headed of Chelas - we cannot be on two opposing sides of any question (written "?") and you, who are getting such an admirable precision of thought, to think I meant anything against B. P. - please ma'am I believe I loved and honoured B.P. before ever you did and I am not changeable.

I have whole volumes to write to you, but

House of Education

Jan. 8th 1903.

Let me see - $27 - 8 = 19$: 19 days till you come, dearest! It will be very good to have you and you shall be fed on bread and milk or bread and water and generally neglected if so you desire - only come! I missed you dreadfully the first fortnight of the holidays but now I have you to expect. I am quite nice and well while I do nothing and really the penance has been good for my sins. Also, I rejoice that you have had sunshine and have been much out. We have had rather miserable weather here.

Think of Sydney and Johnston. You must talk to the students about setting up "family" literary evenings at their posts. I have never heard of their doing so. Also, bring your papers to read to them. I saved it for you. Also, and also - a thousand things which shall keep till you come - tell me about Miss Webb.

The dear E.P. came back with lumbago, but she is mending well. How good and how good that you are coming.

Ever yours,

C.M.

Dearest New Years Eve. The little tree fascinates me.

House of Education

Ambleside

17.6.1903

Dearest,

Now I do think it most truly kind both of Mrs. Parsons and you to have made this quite just criticism. The paper did lack clearness and adhesion: it was burdened with quotations and it most distinctly did lack form and style. I value Mrs. Parsons' sincere and friendly protest sincerely and your true kindness in sending it on to me, I should not have been pleased at all if you had withheld it

As you know, I have had a bad year until within the last two or three weeks and I try to affect a junction between two scraps one written last summer and one at Christmas as I was not up to writing a paper. The result is precisely what Mrs. Parsons describes. I am not sure as to her verdict about the children's answers. It is upon them I depend to convince the world, so much so that I think my own paper passed with too little notice from me, but I am heartily glad to be saved from letting it be published as it in pamphlet form. I shall go over it carefully and hope to make it more worthy of what I think is a great occasion for us all. Possibly it will be better to put the children's answer as an appendix. They really do surprise people, as you know, as it is from them and not from any arguments of mine that we may venture to hope for better things. I am entirely of your mind about the delay, for every reason and especially for the reason that you want rest. I think with you that the pamphlet had better go out with the Conference

programme. I think though it must not appear in the Review until October. It would go out stale. It is in print, Cowell had it before your first suggestion of delay, but he will hold it over and probably the corrections will not be multitudinous.

I am just ever so grateful to you, dear, and please give my love and grateful thanks to Mrs. Parsons

Yours ever,
G.M.

Please do not mind about giving me trouble. I have really had two or three weeks of actual help and mean to be really prudent. I shall take the paper with me and put on its best clothes nicely. I hope to come to you on the 8th when we can talk over everything.

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St. James Hotel
Paris.

23.9.03

Dearest,

What a beautiful and delightful letter came to me here this morning, forwarded from Lucerne. Meanwhile, no doubt, you have got mine, written there telling you of our little Ausflug here and asking you to take us in on Saturday until Monday.

What a pure delight it will be to hear from the dear children of their doings. Yes, I know, they are perfectly simple and humble and will always be without the detestable air of the informed person who is able to tell you in rather a priggist way all about everything. But there are things which they get from their mother, if you will believe me! You are quite right - my heart sings with joy over the whole story.

We are not limited to the Aristotelian ~~notion~~ notion that how you spend your leisure shows how far you are educated, but that's just a bye-issue of our larger notion of Relations, is it not? and any way, it's an amazing test. We have been really sorry to see the aimlessness of so many holiday keepers. They have expected somebody to fiddle for them and then are too lazy to dance. It's a melancholy thing not to be able to entertain yourself in your hours of leisure. Behold, my Lady A., a gospel which you have to preach, but I shall

when I come.

I do enter, dearest, into your thankfulness for the precious restored daughter - a new birth, and for the keen interest in whatsoever things are worth while of the two. I agree with you Olive is a mission and a sweet and promising mission too. If you give me leave, I shall try to persuade Miss Mackenzie to give her at least another year. Of course I see how inviting Edinburgh is and can make many excuses but we do not live by excuses. Also, V.P. writes me of two good students who are wanted in their holiday posts for always and always and I fear there may be others engaged that I have not heard of and I should not like you to choose out of a remainder. Anyway we have time before Christmas when somebody good may be leaving her post then.

You have been to lots of delightful places that I don't know but know of and have longed for an opportunity of seeing. It's good that you appreciate Wensleydale. It is by its dales that one knows Yorkshire. It was a great deal more interesting to make out your own tour than to take one described by the Railway Company or other "intimidates". Kit Kit is seeing her first Paris and is greatly entertained. This is our first day here. She explored a little this morning and in the afternoon we went for a drive and saw various matters. We leave, as you know, on Saturday after three days here. It gives me real pleasure to see Paris again. Do you know this hotel? A wonderful woman
/manages...

23.9.03

it most comfortably, but the people are nearly all English.
A p.c. from V.P. today tells me that Mr. .
wants to come on the 27th October: is it not aggravating? He
wants to take us on his return from a tour in Scotland. I don't
know how the students are to get their lessons ready but it will
be a good thing to have it over. There seems to be an absolute
fatality against their coming up to the Conference but they are
not a very brilliant set this year and I am not sure that they
would do us credit. However, we will talk about it when I come
for I think you will have to recast your syllabus a little to
meet the letters we are inviting about the Pamphlet. I doubt if
you would be able to manage the students evenings we had in view.
I think there might be some risk in asking Mr. Perez to change
his date as Leighton Buzzard is a long way off and he cannot
easily get away from his parish but if you adhere strongly to the
original plan, we will run risks.

How I long to see you all!

Dear love,

Ever Yours

C.M.

Kit-Kit sends love too.

SCHOOLS

October 24th, 1903.

Dearest,

My thoughts have been with you constantly. I believe this to be out most important Conference. Your programme is just splendid. I greatly enjoyed it displayed in "Education". Nature note books. You will receive a dozen on Monday sent one by one by post from several students. I hoped to send you some which had been on show in Cork, but they are still on the way here and our own books we have to show Mr. Perez. We shall have to change Cowell, he has been too tiresome, but I shall write of that later. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~.....

I hope dear Lady A. is keeping well and will be quite brilliant. Please tell me what she is to wear on the great occasion I like B.P.'s word, or rather words, about Cyril and Michael and now I am seized with another strong conviction re the school which I shall put on another sheet in case you wish to read what I have to say out loud. Anyway I am sending you some circulars I have drawn up. If you like use them, if not suppress them, but talk about all this, I fear, will do no good, we must have a nucleus of schools, if only half a dozen. As for the common-minded people who may think we are advertising the P.R.S. that is no matter - we are not.

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be out by January but little can be done when you are in the hands of the publishers. You see the volumes are their undert king and not mine. They have a complete book in hand untouched so far as I know but the proofs may begin to come quickly any day. They seem anxious to carry the work through.

Please send the enclosed to Miss Hamburger. I have not her address here. I did not feel I might send her a summons by telegram and I was not prepared to offer anything and the delay lost her as you warned me it would. But she wrote me such a very nice letter after that I am anxious to keep her in view. Dear love to you and yours,

Ever yours,

C.M.

I think I must try a little while I am here and see how it goes.

Was it not odd that Mrs. Farrer of Clapham should turn out to be the Mrs. Farrer of your Council whom no doubt you know quite well? I had a little call from her before she left she is or was a member of the Belgravia Branch - I think is.

I have written to the publishers again about publishing the questions separately. They answered before by proposing to bind them with the remaining copies so I don't think they'll say 'yes' and then I shall ask if they object to our typewriting a few. I think it would be easy to do this for the few people who will ask for them. Of course the office could sell them at a cost to cover the type-writing; but alas, they have the questions now, and nothing can be done till I get the proofs.

About your lectures; it would be very fine if dear Lady A. could prepare two or three courses for following years, a lecture on each of the 1st 6 articles of the Synopsis; then on the next 6; then on the next. But it would be heavy work because it would mean close study of all the little books to see in how many ways every point applies - but the "Child a Person" will be the very crux for our Crusade. The interesting cutting you sent sounds the first note of the fray. I should certainly say the books /will.....

I think that schools that fully undertake the work, that is the schools that go in for the test examination on the prospectus, might definitely call themselves P.N.E.U. schools, or lower school, P.N.E.U. We should then know what they were doing. The sending about papers vaguely, as to our friend Mr. Blank, is, I think, rather mischievous.

The Conference is much in my thoughts and prayers, dear. The old prayer that we may be kept in the unity of the spirit, which is the bond of peace. I have had an incapable week, but as you will see by this letter, I am fairly well again.

Ever yours,

C.M.MASON

House of Education,

11.3.1903

Dearest,

How sweet of people to send little notes to their friends. Now that is a nice occupation for the leisure of the next two months! I longed for you yesterday and today but two very different sorts of effects. I am better but still feel that the conies are a feeble folk. Lady A. has left all sorts of sweet impressions behind her. I hear her praises from B.P. Miss Armitt, etc. How nice about the Reigate branch and how good for it to have B.P.! Give her my dear love.

Thank you very much for the tea jacket pattern and please give my warm thanks to Vatcher. She has made a beautiful pattern. If I were not afraid of being troublesome, I should ask her to buy the "just 20" materials and steal your jacket for a day when you don't want it - but I expect you do every day.

Kit Kit and I have been looking out for years for a garment that should enable me to wear out a dress and here it is.

What nice breezy news about Cyril.

"Fret not thyself" says the Psalmist, and I have been fretting myself greatly because I cannot move in "Education" just now and behold I turn round and scold my best beloved P.N.E.U. Mea culpa! One thing I should like to say and that is that I have always admired the perfect simplicity of Lady A's dealings with the members and how Mrs. Snooks is just the same to her as the Duchess of Fitzroy! But you understand,

don't you?

There is another futile article on Education in the XIXth Century this month - quite, quite futile and I get cross about it. But never mind, we are doing good foundation work and a little leaven leavens the whole lump so, "that's all right Best Beloved" and you must not let people who fret when they should not, put you out of heart.

What a nice little cutting from B.P All are intreseting,

Dear love,

Ever yours

C.M.

(E. Kitching)